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SUBJ: FONMIN ESENBEL INTERVIEWED ON TRT

1. FONMIN ESENBEL IN DECEMBER 5 INTERVIEW ON TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION (TRT) DISCUSSED CYPRUS, GREECE AND US MILITARY ASSISTANCE ISSUES. FOLLOWING WERE AMONG MORE SIGNIFICANT EXCHANGES:

"Q. HOW DOES TURKEY EVALUATE THE STATEMENT IN ATHENS BY THE GREEK LEADERS, CLERIDES, AND MAKARIOS?

"A. WHETHER A DECISION HAS REALLY BEEN REACHED IS A MATTER OF DISCUSSION AND NOTHING IS KNOWN ABOUT ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

"1. IT IS SAID THAT MAKARIOS' RETURN TO THE ISLAND MAY HAMPER THE BILATERAL TALKS. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

"A. MAKARIOS' RETURN IS NOT THE RESULT OF A CORRECT VIEW. HIS
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RETURN WOULD NOT HELP GET POSITIVE RESULTS FROM THE BILATERAL

TALKS.

"Q. IS THE US MAKING ANY ATTEMPTS AT THIS MOMENT AS A MEDIATOR FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TURKISH-GREEK DIALOGUE?

"A. THE US HAS AN INTENTION TO PLAY A ROLE BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE BUT IT MAY NOT BE TERMED THAT OF A MEDIATOR. WE ARE IN CONTACT AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN CONTACT WITH DR. KISSINGER. DR. KISSINGER IS ALSO IN CONTACT WITH ATHENS. I THINK WE WILL TOGETHER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE THE RESULTS OF THESE CONTACTS.

"Q. IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT CONCRETE RESULTS MAY BE REACHED AT THE END OF DR. KISSINGER'S CONTACTS WITH ANKARA?

"A. WE ARE NOT AT THAT POINT. WE ARE STILL AT THE VERY BEGINNING. WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH HIM IN BRUSSELS.

"Q. THERE ARE NEWS REPORTS THAT THERE IS A KISSINGER PLAN FOR CYPRUS. IS THERE ANY?

"A. THERE IS NO SUCH KISSINGER PLAN. HE, HIMSELF, HAS STATED SO. THERE ARE EFFORTS, STUDIES AND WORK GOING ON IN TURKEY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CYPRUS BUT THESE CANNOT BE TERMED A KISSINGER PLAN."

2. ALSO IN A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL PROCEDURE INVOLVED IN FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE, ESENBEL STATED: "DURING ALL THIS TIME TURKEY WAS CONTINUOUSLY IN CONTACT WITH DR. KISSINGER, WHO IS COMPLETELY OF THE SAME OPINION AS TURKEY CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF US AID TO TURKEY. HE IS MAKING GREAT EFFORTS ON THIS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL SEE THE PRODUCTS OF HIS EFFORTS.
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